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International application No.

PCT/US00/21974

Applicant's or agent's file reference

X-11506

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18 September 2000 (18.09.00)

Priority date (day/month/year)

27 September 1999 (27.09.99)

Applicant

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1. The designated Office is hereby notified of its election made:

in the demand filed with the International Preliminary Examining Authority on:

27 March 2001 (27.03.01)

in a notice effecting later election filed with the International Bureau on:

2. The election was

was not

made before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date or, where Rule 32 applies, within the time limit under Rule 32.2(b).

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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Applicant's or agent's file reference X-11506	FOR FURTHER ACTION	See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)
International application No. PCT/US00/21974	International filing date (day/month/year) 18/09/2000	Priority date (day/month/year) 27/09/1999
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC C07D295/08		
Applicant ELI LILLY AND COMPANY et al.		

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.

This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I Basis of the report
- II Priority
- III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV Lack of unity of invention
- V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- Certain documents cited
- Certain defects in the international application
- Certain observations on the international application

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**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY
EXAMINATION REPORT**

International application No. PCT/US00/21974

I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **elements** of the international application (*Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17)*):
Description, pages:

1-26 as originally filed

Claims, No.:

1-14 as originally filed

2. With regard to the **language**, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language: , which is:

- the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of the international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- contained in the international application in written form.
- filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- the description, pages:
- the claims, Nos.:
- the drawings, sheets:

5. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)):

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(Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.)

6. Additional observations, if necessary:

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes:	Claims 1-14
	No:	Claims
Inventive step (IS)	Yes:	Claims
	No:	Claims 1-14
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims 1-14
	No:	Claims

2. Citations and explanations
see separate sheet

**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY
EXAMINATION REPORT - SEPARATE SHEET**

International application No. PCT/US00/21974

Reference is made to the following document:

D1: EP-A-0699672

Re Item I

Basis of the opinion

The examination is being carried out on the following application documents:

Text for the Contracting States:

AT BE CH DE DK ES FI FR GB GR IT IE LI LU MC NL PT SE

Description, pages:

1-26 as originally filed

Claims, No.:

1-14 as originally filed

Re Item V

Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

- 1 The document D1 is regarded as being the closest prior art to the subject-matter of claim 1, and discloses (cf claim 1; page 8: lines 23 - 27): A process for preparing a 4-aminoalkoxy benzoic ester of formula (I) by reacting a haloalkylamine of formula (II) with a 4-hydroxybenzoic ester in the presence of an inorganic base.

The subject-matter of claim 1 therefore differs from this known process in that a hydrated inorganic base is used.

- 2 The problem to be solved by the present invention may therefore be regarded as to provide a further process for preparing a 4-aminoalkoxy benzoic ester of formula (I).

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International application No. PCT/US00/21974

The solution proposed in claim 1 of the present application cannot be considered as involving an inventive step (Article 33(3) PCT) for the following reasons.

- 2.1 The present description (page 3, first paragraph) alleges that the teaching of the prior art is limited to the use of anhydrous powdered potassium carbonate, which role would be crucial. However, the skilled person clearly learns from the cited passage on page 8 of D1 that, although powdered potassium carbonate is considered as the most efficient in the process, other organic and inorganic bases are suitable as well. The teaching of D1 is thus not limited to the use of powdered anhydrous potassium carbonate only, but includes the use of all organic and inorganic bases. On the basis of the disclosure in D1, it is not clear what would refrain the skilled person from using other bases than anhydrous powdered potassium carbonate in the process of D1.
- 2.2 The subject-matter of claim 1 consists thus in the selection of hydrated bases from the bases described in document D1. Such a selection can only be regarded as inventive, if the hydrated bases presents unexpected effects or properties in relation to the rest of the range. However, no such effects or properties are indicated in the application. Hence, no inventive step is present in the subject-matter of claim 1.
- 2.3 Claims 2 to 14 apparently concern obvious alternative processes to the process of claim 1, an inventive step could only be recognized for these claims, if they relate to a new and inventive independent claim.

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From the
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITY

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NOTIFICATION OF TRANSMITTAL OF
THE INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY
EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Rule 71.1)

Date of mailing (day/month/year)	22.02.2002
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Applicant's or agent's file reference X-11506	IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION	
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International application No. PCT/US00/21974	International filing date (day/month/year) 18/09/2000	Priority date (day/month/year) 27/09/1999
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Applicant ELI LILLY AND COMPANY et al.

1. The applicant is hereby notified that this International Preliminary Examining Authority transmits herewith the international preliminary examination report and its annexes, if any, established on the international application.
2. A copy of the report and its annexes, if any, is being transmitted to the International Bureau for communication to all the elected Offices.
3. Where required by any of the elected Offices, the International Bureau will prepare an English translation of the report (but not of any annexes) and will transmit such translation to those Offices.

4. REMINDER

The applicant must enter the national phase before each elected Office by performing certain acts (filing translations and paying national fees) within 30 months from the priority date (or later in some Offices) (Article 39(1)) (see also the reminder sent by the International Bureau with Form PCT/I/B/301).

Where a translation of the international application must be furnished to an elected Office, that translation must contain a translation of any annexes to the international preliminary examination report. It is the applicant's responsibility to prepare and furnish such translation directly to each elected Office concerned.

For further details on the applicable time limits and requirements of the elected Offices, see Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide.

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**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY
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International application No. PCT/US00/21974

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citations and explanations supporting such statement****1. Statement**

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	No: Claims
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	No: Claims 1-14
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims 1-14
	No: Claims

**2. Citations and explanations
*see separate sheet***

**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY
EXAMINATION REPORT - SEPARATE SHEET**

International application No. PCT/US00/21974

Reference is made to the following document:**D1: EP-A-0699672****Re Item I****Basis of the opinion****The examination is being carried out on the following application documents:****Text for the Contracting States:****AT BE CH DE DK ES FI FR GB GR IT IE LI LU MC NL PT SE****Description, pages:****1-26 as originally filed****Claims, No.:****1-14 as originally filed****Re Item V****Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference X-11506	FOR FURTHER ACTION see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
International application No. PCT/US 00/ 21974	International filing date (day/month/year) 18/09/2000	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 27/09/1999
Applicant ELI LILLY AND COMPANY et al.		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 2 sheets.

It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

- a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

- the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).
- b. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing :
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2. Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box I).

3. Unity of invention is lacking (see Box II).

4. With regard to the title,

- the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.
- the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the abstract,

- the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.
- the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No.

- as suggested by the applicant.
- because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.
- because this figure better characterizes the invention.

None of the figures.

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International Application No

PCT/US 00/21974

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
IPC 7 C07D295/08 C07D333/56

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 7 C07D

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

PAJ, WPI Data, CHEM ABS Data, EPO-Internal

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category °	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	EP 0 699 672 A (LILLY CO ELI) 6 March 1996 (1996-03-06) cited in the application claims -----	1-14



Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.



Patent family members are listed in annex.

° Special categories of cited documents :

- "A" document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance
- "E" earlier document but published on or after the international filing date
- "L" document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified)
- "O" document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means
- "P" document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed

• "T" later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention

• "X" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone

• "Y" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art.

• "&" document member of the same patent family

Date of the actual completion of the international search

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Date of mailing of the international search report

20/07/2001

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

Information on patent family members

International Application No

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Patent document cited in search report	Publication date	Patent family member(s)		Publication date
EP 0699672 A	06-03-1996	US	5631369 A	20-05-1997
		AT	165355 T	15-05-1998
		BR	9503846 A	17-09-1996
		DE	69502152 D	28-05-1998
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		FI	954067 A	01-03-1996
		GR	3026742 T	31-07-1998
		HK	1006912 A	19-03-1999
		HU	73141 A	28-06-1996
		JP	8119964 A	14-05-1996
		US	5750688 A	12-05-1998